THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) and (b) The Government have notified various environmental legislations such as the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974, the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 and the Hazardous Waste (Management & Handling) rules, 1989 as amended, under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 for control of pollution caused by waste generated from industries. The industries are required to set-up requisite pollution control facilities to comply with the notified emission and effluent standards. Under the Hazardous Waste Rules, the generator has also to obtain an authorization from the concerned State Pollution Control Board for handling the same.

(c) and (d) The import of waste is regulated under the provisions of the Hazardous Wastes (Management & Handling) Rules, 1989 and its amendments, which prescribes the norms and procedures for import of waste and its susequent handling.

Leasing out of reserved forest to plantation owners

1108. SHRI K. CHANDRAN PILLAI:
SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to extend the lease to plantation owners about ten thousand hectares of reserved forests in Cardamom Hill Reserve (CHR) in Idukki District in Kerala;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the number of owners to whom the land is to be distributed and steps taken to protect the above Catchments area of river Periyar;

(c) if so, whether the disposal of above land is governed by special provisions in forest Act; and

(d) if not, the reasons thereof and whether Government would cancel the lease agreements?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) to (d) The information is being collected from the State Government of Kerala. After receipt of the information, a statement shall be laid on the table of the House.